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### EVERYBODY SATISFIED.

Christmas was a pretty satisfactory season in Columbus. Without exception Columbus merchants report as good business as in previous years. During the last three days previous to the 25th large crowds were at all the stores on shopping expeditions. Dealers made an unusual effort to give first class Christmas service and the result reflects them in congratulations. People did not stint their buying, hard times or no hard times, and the showing speaks well for our little city's financial condition.

Meanwhile a Christmas business up to the standard of previous years at the Columbus postoffice put the finishing touches on the total which has always kept the Columbus postoffice up in standing in the class that she is in.

It was a Merry Christmas for everyone in Columbus. There is only one thing to be regretted and that is that we must have a municipal Christmas tree on Broadway—a custom which should be made unvarying hereafter.

### BOLL WEWIL IS VILLAIN IN COTTON FIELD MOVIE.

"Good bye, Boll Wewil," is the title of an entertaining instructional two-reel film just released by the County School Department of Agriculture. Mr. Boll Wewil, destroyer of American crops to the extent of many millions of dollars a year, is the story villain. He appears several times individually in the scenes of his every production, but the principal part is given to the activities of the boys of the parish, Mr. Marcus Arsenault, who is aided and abetted by the department in his efforts to bring about Mr. Wewil's overthrow. "Gai" descends upon Mr. Wewil from a battery of horse-drawn machines, of which 40 are shown in one spectacular scene taken early in summer. Work is shown in the department's laboratories at Tululah, La., and in Washington, D. C., where the methods which save cotton plants \$20,000,000 or more annually are devised.

An interesting feature is the laboratory work by which bugs wewil exterminators are detected. The second part of the film, taken in the

fall, shows thousands of acres of snowy white cotton fields with colored pickers gathering the snowy bolls. Two or three contrasts are shown between fields where calcium arsenate has been applied and adjoining rows which were neglected. From actual experience the saving to one 5,000 acre planter is given at more than \$64 an acre. The film is designated primarily for demonstration work in the south and is one of about 600 films covering more than one hundred subjects showing different phases of the work of the department. Copies of this film may be bought from the department by institutions and organizations interested in boll weevil extermination. Its use is suggested for state colleges, boards of commerce, etc.

### GREAT MINDS RUN IN THE SAME CHANNEL.

We are puzzled, more or less, to know from what part of the nine-fifths how sixty-cent bacon is obtained.—House Pioneer Press.

### MASONS BURN MORTGAGE ON SAINT JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY

(Evening Graphic.)

The Masons of Denning Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., last evening at the Armory celebrated the festival of St. John, the Evangelist, and in addition the ceremony of burning the mortgage on the local temple. The ceremony was followed by dancing and luncheon that were enjoyed by a large assemblage of Masons, their families and their friends. Past Grand Master A. W. Pollard was in charge. Secretary Mrs. Pennington made the address of the evening and applied the match that consumed the records of the indebtedness that was discharged more than a year ago.

Secretary Pennington reviewed the genesis of Masonry in Denning in a very interesting account of the progress that has been made since the lodge was first formed and met over a popular saloon, dance hall and gambling house that once stood on Gold avenue. The history and the growth of Masonry in Denning is a record of progress of the city from a wild frontier town on a new railroad to the present substantial city, shortly before the festivities began an installation of officers took place at the temple. The following are officers for the ensuing year: Charles F. Sage, W. M.; Forrest Elder, S. W.; R. R. Ellison, J. W.; H. D. Green, Treasurer; Edna Pennington, Secretary; N. J. Strunquist, S. D.; George J. Scherer, J. D.; R. L. McKinney, J. S.; Robert Hume, S. S.; J. H. Lenoir, Tyler.

The young folks of the town gave a series of Christmas dances this week at the Klaski Club.

## EUROPEANS PLEADING FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Elder Generation Sacrifices Self That Hope of Future May Receive Means of Life.

The one appalling note in the desperate need prevailing through the war-torn areas of eastern Europe is the extraordinary and touching faith of the people in the children. The elder generation has got all its hope and trust in the future of the generation now in its early years. In fact, in many instances it is deliberately sacrificing itself for the children, the Europe of tomorrow.

In the war-ravaged districts supplies necessary for maintenance of institutions are lacking, but it has been noted that always, the request for such aid emphasizes the needs of the orphanages. Now marked in this illustration was indicated by the fact that one district of Poland the orphanage, appealing to an American relief organization for assistance, asked assistance for only one military hospital, four general hospitals and twenty orphanages.

The appeal has reached America with the result that because they know that literally millions of European children face starvation and death from disease unless the aid that only this country can give is forthcoming, eight great American relief agencies have banded together under the name of the European Relief Council to raise \$25,000,000 needed to tide the baby generation of Europe over the most critical winter it has yet faced. These are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Relief Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

## FOREIGNERS SENDING VAST RELIEF HOME

Over 90 Per Cent of Food Drafts Sent to Europe Gifts From Immigrant Population.

Out of their earnings, for the most part as unskilled laborers, living from hand to mouth, the foreign-born element in the United States is contributing largely to the funds for food supplies to aid the starving peoples of their native lands.

Figures from the Food Draft section of the American Relief Administration show that \$208,110 had been sent to Poland, up to the end of November. \$128,170 had been sent to Czechoslovakia, Hungary had received \$202,700, Germany had \$1,445,010 and Austria \$2,046,720. It was estimated that more than 90 per cent of this money had been spent by nationals of these various countries who are now in the United States. There are about 1,200,000 Poles, 800,000 Hungarians, 600,000 Czechs and 600,000 Slovaks in this country.

The profits which resulted from the sale of these food drafts have been turned into the fund for general relief feeding. It is to bring this fund up to the point where it can meet the demands on it, to care the lives of 3,500,000 children that the European Relief Council has been formed by eight great relief organizations.

### Rickets Did This.



This Vienna child is six years old, but because of the ravages of rickets, the disease born of under-nutrition, that has stricken thousands of European children, she is able to toddle about only by dint of extreme effort. The spread of this terrible disease of childhood and the cure of those already in its grip can only be accomplished by America. That is why eight great American relief organizations have banded together under the name of the European Relief Council in a joint appeal to the American people for funds.

## REPORT OF CONDITION OF

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

## Columbus, N. M.

At the Close of Business November 15, 1920

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 87,848.55
Stocks and other Securities	660.00
Banking House and Fixtures	9,598.00
U. S. Bonds	47,318.89
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	750.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	83,309.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$229,484.90</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	3,204.50
DEPOSITS	201,280.37
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$229,484.90</b>

The above statement is correct.  
W. C. FRANKLIN, Cashier.

The Substantial Growth of This Institution is Indicative Of the Service Rendered

### THE NEW YEAR.

To the Teachers and School Officials, Greetings:

With the beginning of the New Year, it is my wish to take this opportune time to express to the loyal teachers and school officials of the state of New Mexico, my sincere appreciation of their splendid cooperation during the past four years, and to extend to you my sincere wish that you receive the fullest measure of the blessings of the Yuletide Season. And further to assure you of my purpose to continue through every effort, the program for more and better education so well established during the administration of Superintendent Jonathan H. Wagner.

Through the State Department of Education we shall seek the cooperation of all persons interested in the immediate improvement of our public schools and we shall at all times try to solve the problems which are of deep concern to the whole state. We are set upon a great task and in order to make our work fit into the happiness and growth of the youngsters we must also bring it into accord with the communities in which they live. Old standards and old traditions are being rapidly shattered and the world will be built upon a new foundation which will be the work of the young men and women, the charge of the school teachers of today. Our greatest problem is to secure competent teachers for the rural communities. Progressive communities are demanding at least two years of professional training beyond the high school. Our slogan should be, "A competent teacher for every boy and every girl in New Mexico."

The fundamental educational principle upon which we are working is that team work shall prevail and that there be complete coordination of our educational forces. We believe that the best interests of the state can best be served by developing the rural life and special stress will be made upon the improvement of the rural schools.

An important factor in rural school improvement are the county rural school supervisors that are being employed through the efforts of the State Department of Education. These supervisors are employed by the County Board of Education and

work under the direction of the County School Superintendent. The salaries, traveling expenses and duties are fixed by the county board of education. The general duties of the Supervisor is to supervise and improve the instruction of the rural schools, to look after the improvement of school houses and surroundings, playground equipment, warm lunches, industrial education, give instruction on sanitation and health conditions, and demonstrate for the rural teacher the best methods of instruction. The rural supervisor is also the County Training Officer and looks after correct enrollments and proper daily attendance in the rural public schools.

My earnest desire is to serve you in every way possible in the promotion of good school work in New Mexico and your suggestions and ideas are asked for and will always receive consideration. With good wishes for the New Year, I am

Most sincerely,  
JOHN V. CONWAY.

THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON  
PROMPTS US  
TO EXTEND TO YOU  
OUR BEST WISHES FOR A  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

To our old friends, loyal and true; to our valued new friends, and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve, we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming year. With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your good will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and will endeavor to serve you.

We have bought the Lebow & Co. stock of Hawk's Cut Glass and will close it out at wholesale cost

Carroll & Norwood

Furniture and Hardware

The Bazaar  
WM. KLEIN, Mgr.